

Rec^d Febr 22³

Phil^a Feb 19, 1878.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

My dear Sir

Thanks for your kind note of 18th inst - & for the printed papers on Oaks, Abies, Junipers &c, which I had been greatly desirous to see. They give evidence of close and patient study, and I am sure they will prove of the greatest use in elucidating the species of those perplexing groups.

I continue to give to botanical pursuits - the little leisure I can command, and with constantly increasing interest. But I lack the training for independent investigation, and the only way I can be of use, is in helping others. and for a year or two past a large part of my leisure has been employed in getting the collection of the Academy into better order. There is plenty of room



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for long years of work, and if I cannot
accomplish much of positive good,
I may at least prevent damage and
harm.

Mr. Canby recently arranged for my
wife & myself a very pleasant inter-
view with Dr. Gray - who stopped at
Canby's house - a few hours on his
return from Washington. It was of course
delightful, and we only needed your
presence - & that of Mr. Engelmann
& Mrs. Gray, to make perfect a reunion
of the pleasant party of 1876. I
assure that the memory of that pleasant
journey will abide with me during
the rest of life.

I hope that Mr. Engelmann is
quite well. Mrs. Redfield joins me
in sending our kind regards.

Yours very truly
John H. Redfield

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Ac- Nov 28

Phil^a Nov 26, 1879

My dear Dr. Engelmann

Through Mr. Martindale
I recently received a package - con-
taining specimens of oaks - species
not attainable here - and some very
interesting hybrids which I am
very glad to have represented in
my little collection. Thanks for your
kindness!

I hope you are quite well -
and that you may yet be able
to add many years of good
work - to what you have already
accomplished for botanical science.

Yours sincerely

John H. Peasfield



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Rec Mark 5
Am May 22

Phil^a March 2 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

Your postal to Mr. Parker of
Feb 26 - was duly received by him, and
he has with me been looking at the Isotes
of our collection - which are few in
number.

I do not know that we can do
any thing to aid in solving your dif-
ficulty - except to send for your inspect-
ion - our remaining specimens of to
which your note seems to refer - since
possibly there may have been some
"mixing" - in the other case.

marked No. 1
~~In~~ The ^{two} larger of these now sent, ~~are~~
from the Schweinitzian Herbarium - and
ticketed in Schweinitz own hand -
- *I. lacustris* "Bethlehem, Lehigh"

The other ^{marked No. 2} is from the Academy N. American
Herbarium made up ~~from~~ originally by
Mr. Durand - from the Academy's material



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, and from contributions made by Mr. Duran.
You will find with it some tickets —
which relate to it — & also the
locality "Catskill Mt."

Now I doubt whether this last was
even in the Schweinitzian Herbarium
at all — and so I cannot think
it came from the same locality as
the former. As Schweinitz lived
for many years at Bethlehem Pa —
— he would probably be correct as to
that locality. At what time it
was collected we have no clue. He
died in 1834. I have not at hand
the date of his residence in Bethlehem,
but Dr. Gray could probably fix the
date.

Please return to us these specimens
when you have done with them.

Hoping this will find you in good
health I remain

Yours sincerely,
John H. Redfield



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Rec April 15

Phila April 13 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

The four copies of the Pines —
arrived at the Academy yesterday — and
have been distributed according to your
wish.

For the Academy's copy — you will doubt-
less receive formal acknowledgment
in due time.

For my own copy let me thank
you now, and tell you how much I
am delighted with it. In perfecting
your revision — you appear to have
made an exhaustive study of all
available characters and the labor
involved in such a study must have
been enormous. As yet — I have had
time for but a superficial examination,
but I hope hereafter to study it
with profit. The illustrations of *Pinus*
Elliottii are superb.



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I have a strong desire again to
spend a week on Roan Mt. in Rhodo-
dendron time - but don't know whether
I can "get away". Don't you want
such a spree?

Yours very truly
John K. Redfield

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Rec May 27

Phil^a May 24 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

Yours of the 21st - with the little package of *Isotria* for our Academy - reached me safely this afternoon.

Well! - various considerations & hindrances - have led me also to give up Roan Mt - for this year at least.

If I were a little more free, and were as young and active as you - I should be very strongly drawn to Mts. Shasta & Hood. But I don't think I shall ever stand on them - till I have been "made over"!

Canby & I go to Boston To-morrow - to attend a re-union of the Roan Mt. party of last year ^{on 28th inst}. If only the other member of the 1876 Exped - could be with us, - the affair would be complete & jolly.

Meehan & Hartnuckle also go with us - we four being delegates from our Acad. to the Centennial of the Am Acad. Arts &



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Science, on 26th

My wife & daughter go too - We shall
of course have pleasant talks with
Gray & Sargent.

Yours truly
John B. Reelfield

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